

# Vaccine+ Overview

## What is Vaccine+?

- Launched by Connecticut's Department of Public Health and Department of Social Services in Fall 2021, Vaccine+ connect families to **services that address underlying health and social needs** during their COVID-19 vaccination visit
- This winter, Vaccine+ is helping families: 1) Sign up for **water and heating assistance**, and 2) Receive the Child Tax Credit and/or Earned Income Tax Credit via **free tax assistance**

## How does Vaccine+ work?

- Your staff hands out a **Vaccine+ card** (see right) to every resident along with their COVID-19 vaccination card right after they get vaccinated
- Residents sign up to receive a call-back from their local Community Action Agency (CAA) for heating / water assistance and a text from SimplifyCT for free tax assistance by **scanning the QR code** and **filling out a simple online intake form**

## What are the current Vaccine+ programs?

- **Heating / Water Assistance:** CAAs call back residents within 2-3 days to help residents apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and the Connecticut Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). Eligible residents can receive up to \$1,000 in water assistance + \$1,015 in heating assistance
- **Free tax assistance:** SimplifyCT texts residents to help residents file their taxes for free and receive the Child Tax Credit and/or Earned Income Tax Credit. Eligible residents can receive up to \$3,600 per child in Child Tax Credits alone.

## For reference: Vaccine+ Card



Sign up for free...

**Heating Assistance  
Water Assistance  
Tax Benefits for Your Kids**

Choose just one – or all three!

- 1 Scan the QR code or visit the link to submit your request
- 2 Get a call back in 2-3 days about heating & water assistance and/or a text about free tax assistance
- 3 Receive up to \$1,000 in water assistance, \$1,015 in heating assistance, and up to \$3,600 per child in tax credits

<https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/VaccinePlusUtilityAssistance>

Water and heating applications due May 31, 2022. Tax assistance ongoing.  
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